

Wayne County

FACTS



Updated February 2009

Population

As of July 1st	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Population	2,518	2,504	2,535	2,635	2,637
% Change of the Prior Year	1.2%	-0.6%	1.2%	3.9%	0.1%

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee.

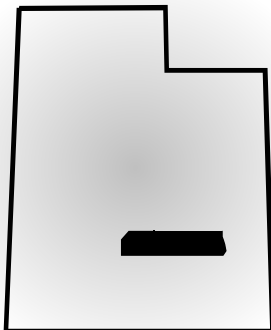
<http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

City Population

As of July 1st	2007
Bicknell	340
Hanksville	200
Loa	506
Lyman	226
Torrey	187

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>



Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Labor Force	1,329	1,361	1,341	1,385	1,425
Employed	1,237	1,270	1,267	1,325	1,366
Unemployed	92	91	74	60	59
Rate	6.9%	6.7%	5.5%	4.3%	4.1%
Nonfarm Jobs	982	998	1,002	1,049	1,078
%Chng Prior Year	-8.0%	1.6%	0.4%	4.7%	2.8%
Mining	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	96	94	102	109	111
Manufacturing	11	7	6	11	13
Trade/Trans/Utilities	118	126	123	132	138
Information	1	1	1	2	2
Financial Activities	7	8	8	8	9
Profess/Business Svcs	3	3	3	4	11
Ed/Health/Social Svcs	250	261	295	303	294
Leisure/Hospitality	180	187	156	174	195
Other Services	19	21	22	24	25
Government	297	290	286	282	280
Agriculture*	30	31	26	26	27
Total Establishments	116	126	120	133	132
Total Wages (\$Millions)	20.5	22.4	23.8	25.5	26.8

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

* Jobs covered by unemployment insurance laws; not included in nofarm jobs total.

Wayne County has recently moved away from its totally agrarian image. Tourism and residential care have helped push job growth rates up in recent years. Population is increasing, homes are being built and even wages are moving upward.

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—Down a notch

When it comes to data, a small population base generally coincides with large swings in growth rates. After all, a small numeric change often results in a huge percent change. Such is the case with Wayne County. However, after struggling with job loss during the early part of the decade, the county has recently created new employment—although often at a tepid pace. In 2007, employment expansion slipped a notch but remained moderate at just under the 3-percent mark.

Population

Wayne County's population topped 2,600 individuals in 2007. Interestingly, that's just 200-plus more than lived in the county in 1940. Like many rural counties, Wayne County has experienced its share of net out-migration. Most years swing between net out-migration and net in-migration. However, in both 2006 and 2007, more people moved into the county than moved out. Plus, the county's 2007 population growth rate measured almost 4 percent—the seventh fastest in the state.

Although the overall county population is increasing, most townships have actually lost population according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. This suggests most growth is occurring in unincorporated areas.

The Labor Market

In 2001 and 2002, Wayne County experienced tough economic times reflected by the loss of employment in both those years. Since then, jobs have increased, but it wasn't until 2006 that Wayne County recovered completely with robust employment expansion. Although the 2007 increase was slightly lower—3.9 percent as opposed to 4.7 percent in 2006—growth remained in the healthy range.

In 2007, Wayne County added roughly 30 net new jobs. Leisure/hospitality services added the largest number of positions. However, trade/transportation/utilities, and professional business services added notable numbers of new jobs.

In fact, all but two industries remained on the plus-side of the job addition equation. Private

education/health/social services experienced a 3-percent employment decline. This is an important industry in Wayne County, as it accounts for almost 30 percent of nonfarm employment. Statewide, this industry contributes only 11 percent of jobs. In addition, government dropped a few positions.

Wayne County's unemployment rate has dropped significantly in recent years. In 2007, unemployment measured 4.1 percent—the lowest level in decades. Nevertheless, a strong seasonal component in the labor market meant Wayne County's jobless rate measured the fourth-highest in Utah.

Wages

As in many less-populated counties, wages tend to average lower than in the state's urban areas. In 2007, Wayne County's average monthly wage of just more than \$2,070 was the sixth lowest in the state and measured only 68 percent of the statewide average. However, this figure does mark an improvement. Ten years ago, Wayne County's average wage measured a mere 58 percent of the Utah figure. The average wage increased a rather lukewarm 2-percent in 2007—not even enough to keep up with inflation.

Construction is Wayne County's highest-paying industry followed closely by private education/health/social services and government.

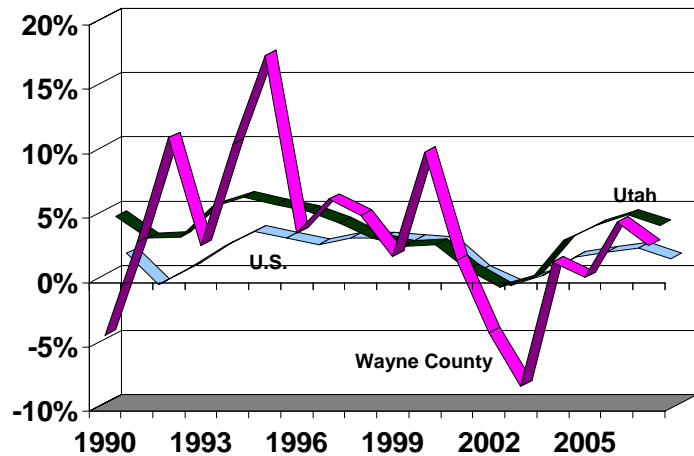
Other Indicators

Unlike many counties, Wayne County experienced increased values in both new residential and new nonresidential permitting in 2007. Sales also made a healthy increase.

Into 2008. . .

Wayne County started 2008 with just a slight down tick in employment growth. Between March 2007 and March 2008, Wayne County's nonfarm jobs increased by 25 positions—a 2.6-percent increase. Unlike its 2007 performance, construction permitting activity decreased notably during the first five months of the year.

Nonfarm Job Growth



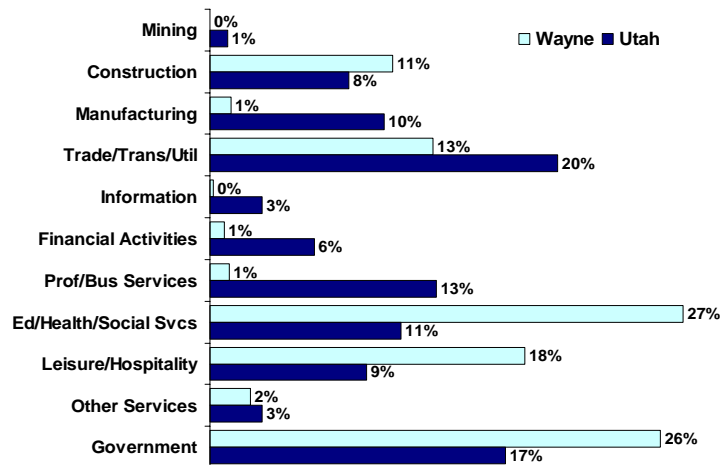
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

2007 Wayne County Numeric Change in Jobs by Industry



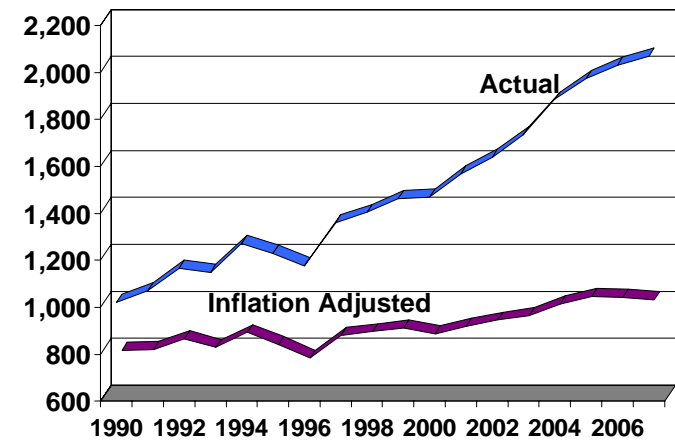
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2007 Nonfarm Job Distribution by Industry*



*Does not include covered agriculture.
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Wayne County Average Monthly Wage



Note: Inflation adjusted wages reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, 1982-84=100.
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Income and Wages

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Total Personal Income (\$Millions)	49.1	52.9	54.1	53.7	NA
Per Capita Income	19,913	21,792	22,423	21,722	NA
Median Household Income Estimates	32,465	34,129	34,733	36,733	49,817
Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage	1,736	1,855	1,976	2,030	2,070

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saiper/>

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Sales and Building

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008p
Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)	30,348	26,935	33,703	33,411	NA
Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)	3,560	5,712	8,223	8,801	8,789
New Residential Building Permits	23	22	32	29	23
Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)	2,880	3,362	5,867	6,596	4,450

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income>

<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

Demographics

	2000
Under 18	32.4%
65 years and over	14.4%
Median Age	34.1
Persons per Household	2.81
Persons per Family	3.31
Female-Headed Families	7.0%
High School Graduates	88.5%
College Graduates	20.9%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	58.1%
Male Participation	68.8%
Self-Employed	14.3%
Commute Time (minutes)	19.5
Median Family Income	\$36,940
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$26,645
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$20,000
Persons Below Poverty	15.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Largest Employers

Aspen Ranch
 Wayne County School District
 Federal Government
 Aspen Achievement Academy
 Royals Market
 Passages to Recovery
 Brown Borthers Construction
 Wayne County
 Wayne Community Health Ctrs
 Harward & Rees
 State of Utah
 GarKane Power Association
 Sunglow Family Restaurant & Motel
 Wonderland Inn
 Jackson Excavation
 Café Diablo
 Red Cliff Restaurant
 The Rimrock Restaurant

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

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Other

Population by Race	2000
White	96.0%
Black	0.2%
American Indian	0.4%
Asian	0.0%
Pacific Islanders	0.2%
Other	1.2%
Hispanic/All Races	2.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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